

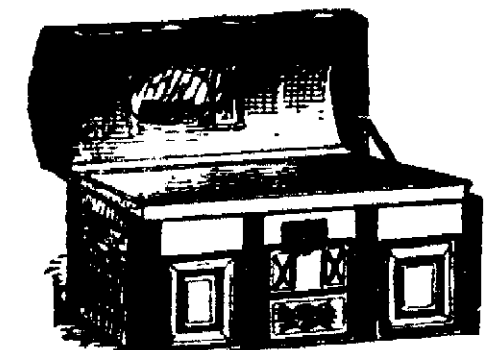
## THE FAIR.

**SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.**—The time was when Santa Claus manufactured his own gifts. But since we have gone in the toy business he finds they can be bought cheaper than he can make them. The first thing when he rides in town is to enquire if it has a SYNDICATE FAIR STORE, and he comes early, is much too wise to wait until the final rush, when the best has been selected and just what he wants is sold. Below are a few of his special orders. We are satisfied he knows what to order that pleases old as well as young.

We think he has a large place in his heart for little girls as he nearly always begins on

### DOLLS.

We buy the J. D. K. doll, the very best on the market, from 10c to \$3.50, and the prettiest dressed doll, 18 inches, in different colors, with hat to match, for 25c. Talk about jointed dress dolls. You should see his smile when examining their silk and satin dresses, fancy hats, etc., 35c to \$1.89.



Trunks come next to pack their clothes in with tray, lock and key, 25 to 94c.

### Doll Carriages

And go-carts. Upholstered, parsonel, etc., 25c to \$2.50. Then we know very well he leaves the little girls for a time to find something jolly for the boys. How he does rattle it off. Sleighs that just suit them from 25c up. Stationary engines, magic lanterns, swords, steel toys, they can bang about, from 10c up. Rocking horses, tool chests, pocket knives, tops, violins, horns, drums, etc., from 10c up. We wish you might see him when he reaches the games. Think he will need more hand-outs to drive those large regular 50c games for 22c. Blocks for 10c that sell elsewhere for 25c. One thing we will just whisper so the mamma won't hear. He never forgets the



Then back to the girls again, for they as well as the boys, love those lovely books for 5 and 10c and what all mamma are paying 35c for he gets at 22c, and those bright lithographed linen books at 5c, everyone else sells for 10c.

He knows no girl's house is complete without a piano to accompany her brother's horn.

Now back he comes for another load. This time it is white cradles, gold knobs, etc., 25c up, with white drawers to match. Toilet stand, all complete. Extension tables, from 25 to 98c. Oak sideboards, high chairs, dishes, china and britannia; 4 bottled castors 10c, Bissell's toy sweeper that does the work as well as the larger ones at 15c. Oh, yes, we nearly forgot the kitchen. Here is the iron stove and furniture, 25c up, iron stand 5c, brooms 5 and 10c, dust pans 5c, wash sets, etc. Then there is the baby's stocking to be filled with bright rattles, rubber toys, knit dolls, chimies, cows, sheep, donkeys, horses, dogs, etc., with double rocking horse, tray attached to keep the toys in, from 50c to \$1.75, or a small willow or white-rocker, plush seat, etc., 25 to 98c. Black boards and desks 25c up, small office chairs 98c.

Our reputation for fine china at cheap prices is so well established it seems a waste of time to mention it. But we have so many new pretty pieces that we want you to know about. In comb and brush trays 25c, bread plates 25c to \$1.50, dainty cups and saucers 10 to 98c, salad 25c to \$1.50, celery trays, celery salts to match, bread and butter plates, chocolate pots, cracker jars, condensed milk jars, jam jars, preserves jars, frames, placemats, serving trays, etc. Game sets, with platters and 12 plates to match, pin trays, bone dishes, olive dishes, jardiniere, bric-a-brac, unique figures, etc.

If you want Rodgers' A No. 1 table ware for half the price you have been paying, we are ready for you with a full line A. D. spoons, tea, table and dessert spoons, sugar shells, butter knives, berry spoons, cold meat forks, child's set, knife, fork and spoon, etc.

### Sterling Silver Novelties

You could hardly believe without seeing the STAMP could be sold so cheap. We can fill your toilet table, desk, work basket, etc., with useful as well as ornamental novelties.

Or if you have more money than you wish to spend, we have the purses to keep it in.

We have much the largest line of handkerchiefs in the city. Warranted all linen from 5c each to 75c to \$1.50 per box.

Also full line perfumes and atomizers

### You Know

Your wife has hinted time and again for a dinner set. Now is the time to please her. We have a line to choose from that you cannot fail to please her. Will guarantee every piece to not craze. Just go round, get prices, come to us last. Look at the potter's stamp and see if we do not do as we advertise. Sell the best for the least money.

Some of you need a lamp or toilet set more than a dinner set. Well we are all night on those also.

Owing to our immense order for lamps for our six stores, we have been a little late in getting the line complete. But we are now ready to show a line that has never been equalled in Middletown. Our lamps are the latest styles, tasteful decoration, simple construction, best of workmanship and finish, central draft insuring a perfectly clear and steady white light, no flickering and no smoking.

**THE SYNDICATE FAIR STORE,**  
No. 8 EAST MAIN ST., MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.  
Other Stores—Carbondale, Pittston, Hazleton, Mahanoy City and Shamokin, Pa.

**ON CHILDS READ**

With a view of revealing to you the face of the old lady, or a good mother or father.

**THINK, AND LOOK AND READ.**

But you will find a price that will please as well as be of such genuine

**Every Day Usefulness as a Pair of Good Glasses, My Kind.**

A thorough and set of glasses in 10 minutes FREE before or after presentation. I do repairing.

**FRED MOULE,**  
The Only Exclusive Optician in the City.  
NO. 10 WEST MAIN ST. UPSTAIRS  
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.  
Office Hours—8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Open evenings from 7 to 9 until 10 p. m.

**HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT!**

We have completed our preparations for the approaching holidays and expect that an early visit will afford better opportunity to select from our complete stock to select from

Men's Velvet Slippers,	50c
Men's Brown Imitation Alligator Slippers,	50c
Men's Black Imitation Alligator Slippers,	50c
Men's Velvet Slippers 75c.	Men's Tan Vici Opera Slippers, \$1
Men's Black Vici Opera Slippers \$1	Boys' Black Velvet Slippers, 60c
Boys' Tan Pearl Everett, 60c	Youths' Velvet Everett, 50c
Ladies' Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	\$1.25
Ladies' Black Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	\$1.25
Misses' Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	\$1.00
Children's Red Romeo, Fur Trimmed Slippers,	\$1.00

Selections made now will be set aside and called for or delivered any time previous to Christmas

**SAMUELS' ONE PRICE SHOE STORE.**  
No. 11 North St., Middletown.

**"A HANDFUL OF DIRT MAY BE A HOUSEFUL OF SHAME." CLEAN HOUSE WITH**

**SAPOLIO**

**FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

**An Extra Large Stock of the Finest Perfumes, Toilet Sets, Celluloid Goods, Aluminum Ware, Cut Glass Bottles, Atomizers, Mirrors, etc. We have the goods and the prices are right.**

**TUTTILL'S PHARMACIES,** 27 James and North corner Cortland street.

## STARVING IN HAVANA

General Alger Orders Lee to Feed the Sufferers.

### MAJOR HARRISON REPRIMANDED.

Two Previous in Raising Flag at Alarces—Thirteen Hundred Spaniards Sail For Spain—Forty-ninth Iowa Arrives.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—Major Russell Harrison, the provost marshal, who on Tuesday raised the stars and stripes over Fort Alarces without orders and in contravention of the promise of the United States evacuation commissioners that no American flags should be raised in Havana or its suburbs until Jan. 1, was yesterday formally reprimanded by Major General Lee and instructed to lower the flag. Lieutenant Lee reported a few hours later to headquarters that the flag had been lowered.

Major General Lee, having received a cable dispatch from General Alger saying that the secretary of war understood there were thousands of persons starving in Havana and directing him to feed them "without delay," immediately ordered Lieutenant Colonel Wood to distribute rations and to make systematic efforts to feed the helpless, carefully avoiding waste. There are hundreds in Havana today who, though not actually starving, are in a deplorable state of weakness and disease, the effects of the cruel reconcentration policy. They need hospital treatment, which is not always available. Much of the wretchedness is due to the neglected condition of the tenements. Every day or so the relief distributors come upon dead bodies terribly emaciated. Two were found in the suburb of Cerro Wednesday. It is difficult to distinguish between the professional vagrant and the really deserving cases, but the committees with local knowledge are able to render excellent service.

The Cuban colonel Raoul Arango, with 600 Cuban horsemen, paraded in Jesus del Monte yesterday and then marched out again to camp. The United States transport Minnewaska, which left Savannah for Cuba on Dec. 19 with the Forty-ninth Iowa regiment, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday the Spanish transports Ciudad de Cadiz and the Noustris sailed for Spain, the former with 1,236 men and officers, bound for Santander, and the latter with 1,033 men for Cadiz. The last formal joint meeting of the United States and Spanish evacuation commissioners will be held this afternoon. If after that any new questions arise, they will be settled by individual interviews or correspondence.

The United States commission will adopt a written resolution of thanks for the courtesies extended by the Spanish authorities at Havana and elsewhere in Cuba under trying conditions and bear testimony to the excellent discipline and soldierlike conduct of the officers and men of the Spanish army.

Brigadier General Closs yesterday delivered the men or an agreement regarding the places where Spanish troops are to be stationed after Jan. 1. Surgeon Major Archibald has visited the Spanish hospital outside Havana and tomorrow on behalf of Surgeon General Sternberg will inspect the hospitals within the city limits.

El Vedado, the suburb of Havana where is situated the Hotel Trocha, which has been the headquarters of the United States military commission will be evacuated this afternoon when the seacoast forts will be occupied by the United States troops. Guanabacoa will be formally occupied on Monday next. The steam lighter Laura has arrived at Cardenas with United States troops.

**Thirteen-year-old Murderer.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Thomas Crosby, the 13-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret Crosby, a wealthy widow living on Edgewater, a suburb of Chicago, shot and instantly killed Deputy Sheriff Frank Nye yesterday while Nye was attempting to serve a writ of restitution. The writ was based on a mortgage for \$5,000 which had been foreclosed on the Crosby homestead. The officer was wounded by a boy not yet 13 years of age, who had been forbidden to enter the house.

**Jennings to Coach Cornell.**  
ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Captain Murchison of the Cornell varsity baseball team has announced that he has secured the services of Huxley Jennings, first baseman of the Baltimore National League team, to coach the baseball players here this season. Jennings will arrive here about the 15th of February when the indoor practice and preparation for the southern tour of the team begin.

**Naval Movements.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Potomac has been placed out of commission at Portsmouth. The Raleigh has arrived at New York. The Potomac has arrived at Manila. The Stranger at New Orleans. The Southern at Port Antonio. The Cass at Norfolk.

**Dreyfus Counsel to See the President.**  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The government has decided to hand the Dreyfus secret dossier to the court of cassation. It will also be communicated to M. Dreyfus and to M. Mornard, the counsel for Dreyfus."

**Cotton Mills Resume.**  
MILLBURY, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Farnhamville cotton mills have resumed operations after a shutdown of a month, and the full force of about 140 hands is at work. The outlook for a steady run throughout the winter is good.

## OUR COLONIAL CUSTOMS.

Receipts at Manila, Santiago and Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The new bureau of the war department, the division of customs and insular affairs, yesterday made its first public report on the revenue of the new insular possessions of the United States, including Cuba, which is being considered for the present as United States territory.

The statement says that it should be borne in mind that the collection of customs as far as Cuba is concerned has been confined to the eastern province of that island, of which Santiago is the chief port. On and after Jan. 1 the revenues of the island of Cuba will be largely augmented by reason of the fact that all of the ports of the island will then be in full possession of the military forces of the United States.

So far as the Philippines are concerned, only the chief port of these possessions, Manila, has been legally under the control of the United States forces since the capitulation of the Spaniards to General Merritt and Admiral Dewey.

The customs receipts at the port of Santiago under the occupation of the United States forces up to Dec. 1 are: July, \$6,389, August, \$4,350, September, \$4,187, October, \$69,666, November, \$60,627, total, \$275,218.

The gross total of receipts from customs received up to Dec. 15, 1898, from the date of the military occupation of the island of Porto Rico by the United States forces is \$1,278,250 pesos. The total receipts from all sources of taxes, exclusive of customs, is \$1,083,300 pesos.

The gross sum total of taxes and customs received up to Nov. 30, 1898, at the port of Manila since the military occupation of the port by the United States is \$1,577,978 pesos.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Sagasta's sickness caused a drop in Spanish securities.

Patrick Haggerty of Potsdam, N. Y., died at the age of 109 years.

Marshal Blanco left the rich furniture and silverware in the palace at Havana for the use of the Americans.

In a collision of freight trains on the Erie road near Wayland, N. Y., an engineer and brakeman were killed.

The volunteers at Manila and ordered home will lead the list of those to be mustered out under the president's new order.

A Pittsburg company has received a government contract to build a great dock at Havana and a short railroad to Morro Castle.

United States Minister Conger at Peking has entered a protest against the proposed extension of French jurisdiction at Shanghai.

It is said in Washington that Secretary Long after the Kansas City kissing episode, wired to Naval Constructor Hobson to be more discreet, as he was imperiling his reputation.

### Cubans Cut Telegraph Wires.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 23.—General Demetrio Castillo returned yesterday from his trip into the interior of the military department of Santiago where under the directions of General Wood, the military governor he has been establishing the minor civil governments. He reports that there has been considerable cattle stealing in the neighborhood of San Luis. Today Colonel Francisco Valente, chief of gendarmes, leaves for that district with a substantial force to endeavor to capture the thieves. According to General Castillo the Cubans have again been tampering with the telegraph lines. The line to Guantanamo has been maliciously cut twice in both cases the cutting was absolutely without reason because the wire was not used as in the case of the cutting of the line to Alto Songo for sending bay. The offenders merely cut it in a fit of mischief.

### Pittsburg Gas Companies Combine.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The gigantic consolidation of the local gas light and heating companies was consummated yesterday. The capital invested exceeds \$1,000,000. The company will in the future control the gas light and heating supply of Pittsburg and Allegheny and will have absolute power to raise or lower the price to all users. The company is absorbed by a new syndicate, the Allegheny Light and Heat Co. The Philadelphia company will include the Allegheny Heating company controls the Pennsylvania Natural Gas company and will increase the Chertiers Valley Gas company and the Consolidated Gas company hitherto a competitor of those above mentioned.

### Cape Cod Cable Break Found.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—The cable steamer Minna of the Anglo-American Telegraph company put on here yesterday having found and repaired the break in their cable off Cape Cod. From the location of the break and its character it is certain that the wrecking of the steamer Portland was in no way connected with it.

### The Lammerts Case.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 23.—For the purpose of forcing County Treasurer Lammerts to resign from office the board of supervisors has adopted a resolution requiring him to furnish \$5,000 additional bonds. If not furnished in 30 days the office is to be declared vacant. Lammerts is still in jail.

### A New Paper Company.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—The Essex Paper company of New York city capital \$100,000 has been incorporated. The directors are W. C. Gebhardt of Jersey City, Theodore Hawley of Brooklyn and Herman Elmer, R. Louis Reinhart and Isador Kuhn of New York city.

Mr. Hitchcock Will Sail Jan. 1.

## STANDARD OIL AT BAY

Evidence That Books Have Been Burned.

### AFFIDAVITS MADE BY EMPLOYEES.

Three Men Swear to Having Destroyed Books and Papers on Orders Received From the Main Office.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—The taking of depositions by Attorney General Monnett to attempt to prove that the Standard Oil company had destroyed a lot of its books and papers a few days before the supreme court ordered the books to be produced as evidence in the investigation of the Standard Oil company was resumed yesterday.

John McNierney of 85 Oregon street testified that he had been in the employ of the Standard company for over two years. McNierney said that on Saturday morning, Nov. 19, he was ordered to burn a lot of the Standard Oil company's books. He burned them about 8 o'clock in the furnaces of the car shops. Later in the day, he said, he was ordered to go to the Euclid avenue offices and get some boxes. The boxes were taken down from the fifth floor in the elevator, but some one objected to their being taken out of the front door. Thereupon the boxes were taken back to the fifth floor. McNierney said that he remained around the Euclid avenue office until 5 o'clock that afternoon, and then the boxes were lowered by rope and tackle from one of the windows. He was assisted by four other employees of the company. The boxes were taken to the company's warehouse. They remained there until Monday.

The witness said that about 10 o'clock Monday morning he and a man named Moran took the books out of the boxes and burned them in the furnaces. There were nine boxes of books and six sacks of papers. Some of the books were about 20 inches high, and others were much smaller. McNierney said that the books that were burned Saturday morning were taken from the Euclid avenue offices Friday night. He received his orders to get the boxes from George Fields, the car shop foreman.

On cross examination McNierney said that he and Moran burned the books that were destroyed on Saturday morning. Moran helped open the boxes and took out the books and gave him orders to go to the warehouse and get the papers and take them to the furnaces.

The regular Standard Oil inquiry before Special Master Commissioner Brinnmald was not taken up yesterday because Messrs. Rockefeller, Squire and Severance, who were asked to testify, could not be found. Attorney General Monnett desired to proceed with the hearing and to subpoena bookkeepers and other employees of the Standard. Attorney Kline, for the Standard, objected and argued for more delay.

Said Mr. Monnett: "We have been a year and two months getting three days' testimony. We have met with nothing but delays, and the state is ready to go on now."

Mr. Kline stated to the best of his knowledge that Secretary Squire would return to Cleveland Jan. 4. He said Mr. Severance had been out of the city for several months and he did not know where Frank Rockefeller was. He further said none of these gentlemen had left the city to prevent service being secured on them.

Master Commissioner Brinnmald ordered the investigation postponed until Jan. 4.

At 4 o'clock the taking of testimony before Notary Mason was resumed. Charles E. Hogan, a foreman in the employ of the Standard Oil company, was the only witness examined. He has been in the employ of the company for 21 years. He said he gave orders, in accordance with instructions, to George Fields to burn the books and papers in the boxes held from the time of the company's taking possession of the street warehouse. The boxes, he testified, contained a mass of high class papers and a few of the high class books and order books. He declined positively to say whether or not the books were burned in the furnace or in the car shops. The burning of the material he said was a conspiracy. In July 1896, he said, a lot of similar material was burned in the car shops. Accounts and books were destroyed. The last time a number of books and papers were burned, he said, he had been requested to look at the books before destroying them and he had seen that they were less than 10 years old. He said he saw a list of

### Regulars Sail For Cuba.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—The third and last batch of the Tenth Infantry, United States army, sailed from this port for Cuba on the War steamer Saratoga yesterday afternoon. The detachment of the Tenth was 441 men strong and was commanded by Captain James L. S. A. The men will take the Christmas leave in Havana, and they were all pleased that otherwise at the prospect of doing so.

### Cubans Growing Nervous.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Havana correspondent of The Times, in a course of a letter published this morning, says President McKinley will have an unfettered hand here. A majority of the Cubans are prepared to accept unreservedly any regime treating them justly and insuring the tranquillity of the island. The Spanish residents also are content to accept the inevitable, believing that their interests will be protected and themselves fairly treated. Therefore the way is clear to establish any system of government the Washington authorities may see fit to propose.



## ROOSEVELT'S REPORTS.

## Rough Riders Suffered From Lack of Food and Medical Attendance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The war department has made public two reports of Colonel Roosevelt on the rights of the First United States volunteer cavalry (Rough Riders) in front of Santiago.

One is addressed to Colonel Wood, commanding, and the second is to Brigadier General Wood, after. Colonel Roosevelt took command of the regiment. The war department has hitherto refused to make these reports public.

The second and more important report is dated at Camp Hamilton, near Santiago, July 20, 1898, and addressed to Brigadier General Leonard Wood, commanding the Second brigade cavalry division. The most notable statements in the report are the following, which make serious complaints against the management of the campaign:

"We had continually to work at additional bombproofs and at the trenches, and as we had no proper supply of food and utterly inadequate medical facilities the men suffered a good deal."

"The officers chipped in together and purchased beans, tomatoes and sugar for the men, so that they might have some relief from the bacon and hard tack. With a great deal of difficulty we got them coffee."

"As for the sick and wounded, they suffered so in the hospitals when sent to the rear from lack of food and attention that we found it best to keep them at the front and give them such care as our own doctors could."

"I now have but half of the 600 men with which I landed four weeks ago fit for duty, and these are not fit to do anything like the work they could do then. As we had but one wagon, the change necessitated leaving much of my stuff behind, with a night of discomfort, with scanty shelter and scanty food for most of the officers and many of the men, only the possession of an improvised pack train saved us from being worse."

"Yesterday I sent in a detail of six officers and men to see if they could not purchase or make arrangements for a supply of proper food and proper clothing for the men, even if we had to pay for it out of our own pockets."

"Our suffering has been due primarily to lack of transportation and of proper food or sufficient clothing and of medical supplies."

## SCHLEY'S SWORD.

## Forty-two Hundred Dollar Blade Presented to the Admiral.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley was yesterday the recipient of a handsome and costly sword, scabbard and belt, presented to him in behalf of the people of this city and other cities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, who contributed to a fund established for the purpose.

The ceremony took place in the Temple Baptist church, and Colonel A. K. McClure presided. The formal presentation was made by Miss Rena McNeill, the 15-year-old sister of Private Harry McNeill of the marine corps, who distinguished himself during the battle of Santiago by clambering out on the muzzle of one of the cruiser Brooklyn's big guns during a heavy fire and removing a loaded shell which had become fastened in the breach.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience present, and speeches were made by Governor Hastings, Governor Elect Stone and Mayor Warwick on behalf of the state and city.

The sword scabbard and belt represent a cost of \$4,200. The blade is of fine Damascus steel, appropriately engraved, and the hilt is elaborately decorated with diamonds and other precious stones.

## Tried to Hold Up a Bank.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Three men attempted to steal a large amount of money at the German National bank, Third and Walnut streets, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They came in at the front door and walked directly to the desk of Cashier Herzog. He was counting the money after the close of business and had a large amount of it on the counter. One of the men reached through the window in the wire screen and attempted to seize the pile of goldbacks. The cashier struck him on the head, and the men, seeing that their effort was futile, ran out of the bank.

## Customs Auditor at Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The secretary of war has appointed William F. Watson, auditor of customs, accounts for Cuba at Havana. Mr. Watson was formerly sailing master of national banks at Chicago and is now connected with the office of the fourth auditor in the treasury department.

## Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New Jersey—Lyndhurst, H. L. Stokner; Pennsylvania—Churchville, E. J. Wilson; Wisconsin—Green Bay, C. G. Quill; New Hampshire—J. W. McCall; Tipton, Pa. C. H. Hinderliter.

## Dreyfus Hints in Toulouse.

TOULOUSE, France, Dec. 23.—Serious street disorders occurred here last evening between the promoters of the Dreyfus and anti-Dreyfus meetings. Several persons were severely injured, and the windows of a number of Jewish shops were smashed in.

## Suicide at San Juan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—General Henry, commanding at San Juan, Porto Rico, notified the war department yesterday of the death of Private Joseph C. Quill of the 145th Infantry from a gunshot wound. He says it probably was a case of suicide.

## Chilean Greenbackers Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—According to a dispatch to The Times from Santiago, Chile, the organization of the Chilean currency, under the leadership of Carlos Walker, Minister of Finance, eliminates the party which advocates a paper currency.

## Los Angeles Suicide Identified.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The identity of the man who killed himself Wednesday has been positively established as Albert Smith of Philadelphia. He was a prominent Knight Templar.

## Cambodian King Go to Berlin.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—M. Jules Cambon, French ambassador to the United States, will probably be transferred to Berlin.

## TO AID THE CANAL.

## England Ready to Abrogate Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

## PAUNCEFOTE AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS.

Believed That Negotiations Will Be Begun Right After the Holidays. Significance of Mr. White's Visit to Hatfield House.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Herald this morning prints the following from its Washington correspondent:

"All danger of further friction between the United States and Great Britain over the construction of the Nicaraguan canal will shortly be removed by the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty."

"I am in a position to authoritatively state that Sir Julian Pouncefote, the British ambassador, has received, or will receive within the next few days, positive instructions to enter upon negotiations with Secretary Hay for the abrogation of the convention referred to and the preparation of a new treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of the canal. The change in the attitude of the British government from its old position of insisting upon having a voice in the construction of the proposed canal is the result of representations made to Lord Salisbury by Mr. Henry White, charge d'affaires of this government in London."

"It is the understanding of those who are aware of the change in the attitude of the British government that Lord Salisbury will suggest through Sir Julian the advisability of the United States granting some concessions to his government in return for the relinquishment of the important rights possessed by Great Britain in the matter of a canal across the isthmus, which for nearly 50 years have been recognized by this government in the treaty negotiated by John M. Clayton on the part of the United States and Lord Salisbury on the part of the British government. Just what concessions will be asked are not known, nor will they be until full and final instructions have been received by Sir Julian and communicated to Secretary Hay."

"From what I have been able to learn the British government, having acceded to the request of this government to abrogate the treaty, will proceed immediately to execute its promise to Mr. White. It is therefore expected that Sir Julian will call at the state department next week, after the Christmas celebration is over, or perhaps immediately after the new year, to open negotiations. It was pointed out to me tonight that it was fully within the power of this government to terminate the treaty, but the administration is too much impressed with the friendly attitude assumed by Great Britain during the recent war, too desirous of continuing the harmonious relations now existing, to disturb them by terminating the treaty and thus summarily dispossess the British government of the rights in an interoceanic waterway which this government has recognized since 1850."

"It has been believed for some weeks past by administration officials that the Salisbury government would lend a willing ear to any representations the president might desire to make looking to the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, but a careful consideration of the subject induced the administration to give instructions to Mr. White to press Lord Salisbury to authorize Sir Julian to negotiate for its abrogation."

"Immediately upon their receipt Mr. White communicated with Lord Salisbury, who was at his country residence, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, and received an invitation to visit him there. The invitation was accepted, and on Tuesday the American charge d'affaires called upon Lord Salisbury and only returned to London today, bringing with him, I am told here, the promise of the British premier that negotiations should immediately be begun for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty."

## No Sloane Divorce Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The announcement of the estrangement between Henry T. Sloane and his wife has been the subject of much comment. De Lancey Noyl has been retained as the legal adviser of Mrs. Sloane. A C. Brown representing Mr. Sloane's legal interests. Mr. Noyl was asked yesterday if he knew whether the report that divorce proceedings were about to be instituted was true. He said: "I have not heard of the rumor, nor do I believe it to be true. I have today been in conference with Mr. Sloane's lawyer, and I may say that the difficulty will be settled on an entirely different basis than that of divorce."

## Lord Iveagh's Princely Gift.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Iveagh (Edward Cecil Guinness) has presented the Jenner Institute with the sum of \$1,250,000 in aid of scientific research in bacteriology and other forms of biology. The Jenner institute includes most of the leaders in medicine and allied sciences in Great Britain. Lord Iveagh also intends to expend \$1,250,000 upon the improvement of the unsanitary Bull alley area, in the heart of Dublin.

## State Prison Warden.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—The long mooted matter of the appointment of wardens of the two state prisons at Dannemora and Sing Sing has finally been settled by Superintendent of Prisons Collins. He will on Jan. 1 announce the appointment of Addison Johnson of Westchester county to be warden of Sing Sing prison in place of O. V. Sage and Judge Doble of Clinton county to succeed Walter N. Thayer as warden of Clinton prison.

## A Missing Schooner.

CHERRYFIELD, Me., Dec. 23.—It is believed that the schooner Ethel of Milford was lost with all hands in the November gale. She sailed from Atlantic City for Norfolk on Nov. 26, and nothing has since been heard from her. The master was James L. Leighton of Milford. His family consists of a wife and daughter. The master was taken on shore. The crew consisted of John Norton of Milford and Samuel Fickett of Harrington, both married. The Ethel was of 141 tons register, was built here in 1890 and was owned by the captain and others in this town and Milford.

## MANILA QUIET.

## Rumors of Trouble There and in Porto Rico Unfounded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Encouraging reports of the condition of affairs in Manila and Porto Rico reached the war department yesterday from the officers commanding the troops in those departments. The dispatches from both General Otis at Manila and General Henry at San Juan were in response to telegraphic inquiries by the secretary of war based on reports of a disquieting nature which have reached the officials here. That from General Otis was particularly gratifying to the president and Secretary Alger. It is as follows:

"Believe city never more quiet. Order prevails. Native population greets us augmented in three months. Volume of business increasing. Conduct of troops good. Most favorably commented on by citizens. Discipline improving. Disorders promptly punished, as business of courts show. Newspaper articles published in United States, Hongkong and Singapore without element of truth. Military rule firm, as demanded by circumstances."

The dispatch from General Henry is as follows:

"Complaints of disorderly conduct unknown here of specific charges can be sent. Investigation and, if necessary, punishment will follow. Subordinate commanders have been apprised of your telegram."

## A Convention of Negroes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A call has been issued by Bishop Alexander Walters, D. D., president of the National Afro-American council, for a convention of colored people to be held under the auspices of the council at Washington on Dec. 29. All organizations having for their object the amelioration of the condition of the Afro-American race are invited to send delegates. The objects of the conference as announced are: To raise funds for the prosecution of lynchings and to test the constitutionality of the laws in some southern states disfranchising negroes, to resist political and business discrimination against the negro, to secure federal appropriation for school funds of the southern states; to encourage industrial and higher education, and "to record and hasten emigration from terror-ridden sections of our land to more law-abiding sections."

## Anglo-American Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The next session of the joint Canadian high commission will be limited pretty closely to a fortnight. Lord Herschell, the British member of the commission, is booked to sail for Europe on the 25th of January. He cannot delay longer in the United States for the reason that he is obliged to attend the opening of the Paris arbitration on the Venezuelan boundary, being one of the arbitrators. There are indications that, after all, the joint commissioners regard the prospect of reaching an agreement as very much brighter than they did just before the adjournment of the session, and the opinion is now expressed in well informed circles that before Lord Herschell's departure a treaty will have been completed settling all the points in dispute between the two countries and even making some slight progress toward the attainment of reciprocity.

## A Mysterious Suicide.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—A well dressed, refined looking woman went to the Crittenden hotel Wednesday night about 9 o'clock, there she registered as Mrs. Ashton of Pittsburg. She was assigned a room, in which she was found dead yesterday, having committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Two envelopes were found in the room, one with money to pay the hotel and the other, addressed to the chief of police, contained the following note: "My husband having died and left me alone, I do not care to live. There is \$77 in my purse in my corset waist. Bury me anywhere." The note was printed with the evident purpose of disguising the writing and all marks had been carefully removed from her clothing by the woman. The deceased appears to be from 30 to 35 years old. The body was taken to the morgue.

## Spanish Politics.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: "Most of the Liberal leaders whom Senor Sagasta has consulted strongly oppose a dissolution of the cortes on the ground that it would be imprudent to plunge the country into an electoral agitation under existing conditions. Senor Montero Rios and others, who have every effort to make to reunite the Liberal party. Apparently Senor Gamazo's party of dissentients is reluctant, and there are better hopes of a full reconciliation."

## Harvard's Center Rush Dead.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 23.—Percy M. Jeffray, the center of Harvard's varsity football eleven the past season, died at his rooms, 9 Bow street, late yesterday afternoon of blood poisoning. His death was quite sudden. He was known to have suffered some injury from the Yale game, but two weeks later he resumed his studies. He was 21 years of age and came from Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.

## A New Ore Pool.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—A new ore pool is to be organized. It will be known as the Nonbeseemer Ore Producers' pool and will be organized on a basis similar to that of the Bessemer pool. A meeting was held here Wednesday, and it is said that preliminary steps were taken toward the organization.

## Arbuckle's New Departure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Arbuckle Bros.' Chicago house has begun selling sugar direct to retailers, ignoring the jobbing trade here. Sales to retailers were made yesterday at 50 cents per pound for standard fine granulated, which is one-eighth of a cent under the trust price.

## Scorpion at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion, from Port Royal, passed quarantine at 3.50 p. m. yesterday bound in.

## Want a Lee Street in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—A proposition has been made in the municipal council to change Obispo street to Lee street. This thoroughfare for a time was called Weyler street. Action in the matter has been deferred.

## England Orders Four Warships.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British admiralty, it is reported, has just placed orders for four warships with shipbuilders on the Clyde.

## CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Charles H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and Substitutes are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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## TOMPKINS'



## BIG STORE.

MOVING ON!

The weekly mile stones continue to mark progress. We measure the steps of a lance by what the store was one year ago and we measure long strides ahead. There is nothing we like better than to save you money. People know this and get others to come. As a result people are taking all around labor and the new business we are getting. What we are aiming at is to make this the one store in Middletown, and we are getting nearer that desire increased sales men in anything. This week, enthusiasm will control the store from end to end. The great array of big bargains literally discounts anything in the past. At Christmas many must be remembered and the presents must be chosen. It is a high kind of art to choose them wisely and well, whether you have to buy for man, woman or child. TOMPKINS' BIG STORE is humming and teaming and sparkling with helpful hints.

## Toys.

Boys Tool Chests, good strong tools, 19c, large sizes 64c, \$1.19 and \$2.10

## Magic Lanterns

And slides of good size, complete, worth \$1.50, 75c

## Nine Pins.

Nothing will amuse a boy or girl so much as a set of nine pins. At Tompkins' 39 and 69c a set

## Wooden Kitchen Set

The complete set of kettles, bowls, dough bowl and roller, potato masher, towel roller, etc., all for 15c

## Cannons—Large Wooden Can

ons on wheels that will shoot real bullets made of soft rubber 7c and 1c.

## Laundry Sets

For the little one to use in washing her doll's clothes consisting of table with tub, iron clothes horse, wash board, 3 pieces, prices 19c, 30c, 75c.

## Drums.

Large size, 25c to \$1.50 each.

## Toy Pianos.

25c to \$5 each.

## Rocking Horses.

25c to \$5 each.

## Iron Toys.

No toy more sensible than these, not easily broken. Iron Fire Engine 25c and 60c. Iron Hook and Ladder 75c. Iron Fire Engine 75c and \$1.50. Iron Train 75c and \$1.50, with two horses, 30c. Iron Hay Trolley 30c.

## Toy Fairy Land

It really does seem to us to be a land of little things that will amuse a boy or girl so much as a set of nine pins. At Tompkins' 39 and 69c a set

## Clock Bargains

10 clocks that were \$7.50 and \$10 each, but for 49c and 69c each. 25c and 39c each. 12c and 19c each. 10c and 15c each. 5c and 10c each. 2c and 5c each. 1c and 2c each. 50c and 75c each. 10c and 15c each. 5c and 10c each. 2c and 5c each. 1c and 2c each.

## Handkerchiefs and Mufflers.

No one ever seems to have too many handkerchiefs. They are a perfect gift for Christmas in fact, for they are useful and they are cheap. At Tompkins' 10c and 15c each. 5c and 10c each. 2c and 5c each. 1c and 2c each.

## Holiday Glove Sale

MEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, lined, \$1 pair; worth \$1.50

MEN'S DOG SKIN KID GLOVES lined 40c

CHILDREN'S MOCHA LINED MITTENS, for tops, 10c

LADIES' FINE DOUBLED MITTENS per pair 10c

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## A Holiday Chance in Umbrellas

At a brilliant and profitable and profitable present. We have the largest and best assorted stock of umbrellas in the city. At Tompkins' 10c and 15c each. 5c and 10c each. 2c and 5c each. 1c and 2c each.

## Christmas Books

An ideal present for a child is a book. At Tompkins' 10c and 15c each. 5c and 10c each. 2c and 5c each. 1c and 2c each.

## Pocket books and Fancy Goods

If you don't know what to buy a boy, through this department. We have some very special bargains for the holiday season.

## Fancy Boxes

25c boxes, all new goods, in a stationery store you would pay 50c to 75c for them. At Tompkins' your choice 2c.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Fair till Sunday; colder, northwesterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.  
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frost's drug store, to-day:  
7 a. m. 42°; 12 m. 45°; 3 p. m. 57°.

## BETTER TIMES AT HAND.

"As goes Wall street, so goes the country," has come to be an axiom with wise-headed financiers, an axiom most abundantly borne out by the history of the beginning, the culmination and the downfall of every great speculative era. Wall street and the country have passed through.

There were the booming times of the Civil War, when Wall street led in the nation of values as affected by the government's emission of paper money; followed by the great decline in prices which the street again led in when the war was over and the cash between specie and paper money began to narrow. Then succeeded, as the precious metals and paper more and more approximated, another upward movement of prices and for several years everything boomed. Prices soared and soared until the tension became so great that the inevitable collapse came in the panic of 1873, and with it its penalty of more than six years of wreck, ruin and impoverishment. Nowhere in that bitter experience were values so devastated as in Wall street. Good and poor securities were alike affected; with the final difference, however, that while the good ones shrank enormously they were not "wiped out" as were many of the poor ones.

But the country at large suffered correspondingly as seriously in its commerce, trade and manufactures. Bankruptcies became the rule rather than the exception, and it was not until after specie resumption in 1879 that new life, new hope, new inspiration, came to the people; and then it was, again, that Wall street, as had always been the case, pioneered the way, educated the people to the fact that the country had entered upon a new career and that it was "time to be up and doing."

Wonderful were the times ushered in by the specie resumption act of 1879. For fourteen years (ignoring the short lived set-back experienced in 1884, occasioned by the failure of the Marine Bank and the firm of Grant & Ward) everything went along swimmingly; and so overconfident did the people become in the permanency of good times that caution was thrown to the winds and all went to bed sure that the morrow held for them still more riches in store. But in 1893 there was a rude awakening from this fancied security. The game had been too hot and too fast, and the hour of reckoning was at hand. Again, the country was shaken from circumference to centre by the throes of panic. Other causes than purely domestic had, to be sure, been contributory to it. The great house of the Baring, as old as the Bank of England itself, and only secondary to it in its reaching relations and breadth of influence, had failed in 1891, compelling the remarketing of hundreds of millions of dollars of American securities long packed away in English strong boxes. Possibly had not ruin overtaken the Baring, panic would not have come to us in 1893, but that is neither here nor there,—come it did in '93, and a mighty hard time ever since we have had writhing with it and its aftermath.

This article, already extended to greater length than is usual in this column, was commenced with "As goes Wall street, so goes the country." But this axiom is based upon experience, is literally borne out by events, is, we trust, most convincing to the reader by what has been written.

And now to the purpose. What has been, is going to be again. Once more Wall street is leading the way,—inspiring the country by its confident, new and great prospects. Not since the marvelous business years following upon specie resumption has the street put on such bold and confident front. The men with long heads and long st of purses are in the van of leadership. To their vision all the signs are favorable for a golden future. Prices for securities have advanced enormously and the volume of transactions upon a basis quite unprecedented.

"As goes Wall Street, so goes the country." Such is history, and as, be of good cheer for certain it is that history will again make good its record, and will bring us a "Happy New Year."

A trust to control the patent market in the United States. Its projectors, like those of the other trusts, avow that they are not to be broken and plan to throw their power into the market, cheaper the expense of distribution and extend the business to the patent to the colonies and United States. The United States, from which it will be in that there is a great opportunity about their scheme.

## FOG EMBARGO LIFTED.

New York Bay Again Navigable—Fleets of Steamers Sail and Arrive.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—With a clear sky overhead once more at daybreak, this morning, the Atlantic liners and other steamers that had been held by the unprecedented fog of the last two days got to sea, while the liners and other steamers arriving were able to get to their docks.

The passenger liners St. Paul for Southampton, Germanic for Liverpool and Friedland for Antwerp, which left their docks, Wednesday afternoon, but afterwards returned and anchored in various parts of the bay clear of the bar within a short time of each other.

Shortly before 8, this morning, the transport Berlin, which was to have sailed, Wednesday, for Santiago, and which had on board the Christmas presents for the soldiers, passed out by Sandy Hook, at 8:25 a. m. About eighteen steamers passed out between 7:30 and 9 a. m. and fourteen steamers arrived.

The cruiser, New York, from Havana, also arrived with Admiral and Mrs. Sampson.

## FIRST NEW YORKERS HOMEWARD BOUND.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

DENVER, Dec. 23.—Companies E, F, C and G, of the First New York Volunteers, en route for home from Hawaii, left Denver in special trains over the Burlington Railroad shortly after midnight, and, to-day, are moving eastward through Nebraska. They should arrive at Chicago to-morrow. George Peet, William Birdsell and Elmer Morris, of Company G, were taken ill with fever on the train and removed to Fort Logan, near this city.

## MOTHER HAD A RIGHT TO STEAL HER CHILD.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Judge Dissett, in the Criminal Court, to-day, sustained the demurrer to the indictment returned against ex-Mayor F. E. Magowan, of Trenton, Mrs. Magowan, and Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Magowan's sister, upon the charge of child stealing. The court ordered all the defendants discharged, saying it was not a crime for a mother to steal her own child in the State of Ohio.

## FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—According to a dispatch from Manila, Island of Panay, several engagements have taken place between Spaniards and insurgents, and many of the latter have been killed and wounded.

## MR. CASE OR MR. FINN?

The Law of the State and Its Application to the Board of Education Middle

The action of the Board of City Councillors in certifying that Messrs. Martin, Case and Finn had received the highest number of votes for Members of the Board of Education and leaving it to some other authority to pass upon any questions that may arise under the provisions of the charter that only one member of the Board can be elected in a ward, is in accordance with the law of the State as determined by the Court of Appeals. The decisions all hold that the duties of councillors are purely ministerial and end where they have figured up and declared the result of the vote. They have nothing to do with questions of eligibility or any other legal questions that may arise.

It is understood that Mr. Finn says he does not care enough for the office to attempt to assert his right to it and that he will not qualify. In that event the place may or may not belong to the man with the next highest vote, C. A. Whitney.

## MIXED MARITAL RELATIONS.

The Matrimonial Tangle of Lilian and Jennie Booth and George W. Cushman.

George W. Cushman married Lilian Booth, daughter of Charles Booth, who formerly lived where H. W. Corey now lives south of this city. In June last, she secured a divorce from him, alleging wrongdoing with her sister, Jennie Booth. Cushman's name in the divorce and his tried to pay the \$12 alimony granted his first wife for her support and that of her four children. An order for his arrest has been granted and he must pay the arrears of alimony, \$119, or go to jail.

That throat and headache. Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of our readers have proved them in countless instances and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by J. J. Chambers, druggist, 57 North street, near post office.

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KNAFF & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

ROOMS to Let. Enquire at next market, corner Seattle Avenue and Albert street. 30c.

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500 Fancy Novelties from 10c to \$2.50.

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Toilet Sets, Shaving Sets, Penny Boxes, Smokers' Sets 25c to \$3.50.

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Miss Ward, vocal-comic; Miss Carrie Kaufman, operatic singer; Miss Merson, vocal singer; and dancer; Ed Reeves, champion clock dancer of the world. Leave Thursday night. Amateur night, Saturday night.

## We'll Help You for Christmas!

## We'll Help You Select a Suitable Present for MEN or BOYS

## WE'LL HELP YOU in the EXPENSE of the SAME.

Silk Neckwear 15, 18, 23, 35, 50c.  
Silk Mufflers 49, 75, 90c., \$1.25.  
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25, 50c.  
Silk Umbrellas \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.98.  
Silk Lined Gloves \$1.50.  
Silk Suspenders 25, 50, 75c., \$1.25.  
Silver Mounted Canes 59, 75, 98c., \$1.50.  
Mackintoshes \$2, \$3.50, \$5, \$6.  
House Coats \$3.50, \$4.50, \$7.  
Cardigan Jackets \$1 to \$3.50.  
Jersey Coats \$3.

Sweaters 98c to \$2.  
Night Shirts 39c to \$1.  
Fur Caps \$1 to \$2.50.  
Fur Gloves 49c to \$3.  
Full Dress Shields \$1.  
Boys' Leather, Cloth or Corduroy Leggings.  
Boys' Toque Caps 25 to 50c.  
Boys' Gloves or Mitts 15 to 75c.  
Boys' Reefers \$1.10 up, 3 to 10 years.  
Boys' Suits \$1.18 up, 4 to 15 years.

## MORRIS B. WOLF.

"The Blue Front Store,"

No. 10 NORTH STREET.

## AT STERN'S—Something Worth Reading.

WE HAVE BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

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## L. STERN. 13-15 NORTH ST.

## Christmas Dress Goods!

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## Headquarters for Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Umbrellas and Mackintoshes.

Balance of our Ckask Stock to go at \$6.98 each. Now is your chance.

## CARSON &amp; TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

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Seeded Raisins 3 packages 25 cents.  
Cleaned Currants 3 packages 25 cents.  
Raisins, three-crown, 4 pounds 25 cents.  
New Mixed Nuts, per pound 10 cents.  
Granulated Sugar, H. & E., 7 pounds 38 cents.  
Sack Best Patent Flour, 24 1/2 pounds, 50 cents.  
Best Butter, per pound 19c.

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## Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry.

## SILVER NOVELTIES,

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HONEY—Pure extracted five-pound pail, de C. D. for 50 cents. Order by phone or postal. CHESTER BELMONT, dTn, Friid Cottage street, city

## Christmas is Almost Here.

But our stock is still ample to supply you with gifts

Books! Nothing better for a Christmas gift. We have them for all ages and in all bindings.

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—Photograph Albums are always in demand for gifts and always acceptable.

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## Hanford &amp; Horton,

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## SLIPPERS!

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At CHRISTMAS time we offer you the perfume of flowers in all their midsummer freshness.

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Our SPECIAL PERFUME sale at CHRISTMAS is a welcome boon to the puzzled searcher.

For 25 cents you buy a pretty package—for 75 cents a "gem," but regardless of price or size your gift is perfect in its way—quality the best in the world.

For it's with the many people we find our patrons—it's the masses whom we wish as customers.

COME AND SEE! McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

## Christmas Presents.

We have been six months in selecting our present holiday stock, and the fact that we have marked the prices at a very small profit.

FRENCH CHINA. Our own importation. Re has the risk of carrying any of these goods over another season, we have marked the prices at a very small profit.

LAMPS. These have been displayed in our windows, and the different styles and prices that we have been compelled to duplicate our orders in evidence that the line is not surpassed.

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PORCELAIN TABLES. Made in different woods—as elegant as we could find. So many different styles and prices that we are bound to satisfy.

PICTURES. All kinds, and purchased just for the holiday trade. MUSIC CARDS, WRITING DESKS, BOOK CASES, RUGS AND PIECES IN FURNITURE AND CROCKERY 10, 15, 25 and 50 cent novelties. Before buying elsewhere please examine our stock, and if the prices are not the lowest ever offered in this city, we won't try you to buy. Goods shipped prepaid and delivered any time you care.

The Cheapest House Furnishers.

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## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.  
—Remember Geo. Lea's ball, New Year's night.  
—The drygoods stores will be closed all day Monday.  
—Scarlet fever of a very virulent type is very prevalent in the village of Lodi, N. J.  
—A company to reclaim the salt meadows of New Jersey has been incorporated with a capital of \$125,000.  
—From peanut brittle, and chewing taffy at the new store, North street and 17 West Main street.  
—Fine bon bon and chocolate at Laskaris' Palace Confectionery, 34 North street.  
—The Wallkill Valley Poultry, Pigeon and Pot Stock Association will hold an exhibition in Columbus Hall, Newburgh, January 17-19.  
—The annual masquerade ball, under the auspices of Geo. Lea, which will be given at the Casino, New Year's night, will be the occasion for the display of a large number of original costumes.  
—On Monday, Jan. 2, the Erie will run a \$1 excursion to New York. Tickets good going on train 16, leaving Middletown, Jan. 2, 7:09 a. m., Main street, 7:11 a. m., returning same day on any regular train (except No. 5) scheduled to stop at Middletown. died.

## PERSONAL.

—Joseph Walling, of Paterson, is visiting in town.  
—Private I. D. King, went to his parents' home near Sidney, to-day.  
—Sergeant Wenguroth was able to dress and go down stairs, Thursday.  
—Private Cochran, of Company I, went to New York to join his parents, to-day.  
—Alderman Robert Lawrence is confined to his bed by a severe attack of grip.  
—Private Thomas Tandy will spend Christmas with his parents, at Kingston, Ontario.  
—Miss Jennie Hallock, who has been visiting in town, returned to Paterson, to-day.  
—Ivan King, of Co. I, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Keeler on Robert street for a few days.  
—Miss Margaret Lord, of Middletown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward Ratan, of Deckertown.—Independent.  
—Miss Christine Isenman returned from the New England Conservatory of Music, Thursday night, to spend the holiday.  
—Operator Morgan, of Middletown, is working nights in place of Ed. Pierson, who is ill at his home in Cornwall.—Livingston Manor Ensign.  
—Miss Julia Dauch, who has been employed in George Dorrance's laundry in this city, has returned to her home at Oak Ridge, Ulster county.  
—The Ulster Heights correspondent of the Ellenville Press notes that Miss Mary Rampe, who has been visiting her sister in this city, has returned home.  
—Mrs. George B. Stacey and daughter, of Richmond, Va., who have been spending a fortnight with Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller, returned home, to-day.  
—Rev. O. C. Crawford and son, Ivan, of Oberlin, O., joined Mrs. Crawford in this city, Thursday night. They are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Frink.  
—Mrs. Marcia Brundage, who has been spending some time at Port Ben, is about to leave us for an extended visit to her daughter, the wife of Rev. Mr. Griffin, at Goshen.—Ellenville Press.  
—Mrs. T. P. Pitts, of Middletown, came to Warwick, last week, to visit Dr. Pitts and call on her former neighbors, relatives and friends, who are always pleased to see her.—Warwick Advertiser.  
—Private D. W. Shaw, of Company I, purchased a pair of shoes of Aaron Samuels when the company left here, last spring, and he wore them steadily until his return here. He did not draw any government shoes.  
—Private Alex Skinner, the one member of Co. I, who returned under the weather, is quite seriously ill at his home, No. 11 Wallkill avenue. He is under Dr. Pillsbury's care. He has a high temperature and a bad cough.  
—Thomas Coyne, the druggist of Middletown, with his wife and little son, Howard, is spending the holiday season with Mr. Coyne's father, on Hudson street. He is helping Druggist Fred. Mason through the rush.—Port Jervis Union.

—There will be a full rehearsal of the "Chimes of Normandy" at Moubague's at 8 o'clock, to-night.

—For Many Years

"I have suffered untold agony from rheumatism, which has afflicted me for many years. Since using six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparil I find myself entirely cured of that painful disease. I am not able to praise this great medicine enough. It has no equal." Mrs. E. A. ALVEMORE, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.

Hood's Sarsaparil is the only pills to take—each bottle 25c.

## STEPHEN J. MERSHON GUILTY.

Jury no Fault After Short Deliberation—Mershon's Trial Put Over Until February.

The Mershon case was completed Thursday.

The court directed the defense to confine its evidence to the following items of proof:

1. Did this defendant have the authority to make and sign the checks as charged?

2. Did he believe he had authority and was acting in good faith, even though he did not have the actual authority?

3. Did the drawing of the check and the obtaining of the money, connected with the other circumstances of the case, show the defendant to be guilty of defrauding the Hudson River Paint Company?

The defense was short as compared with the prosecution, and was an attempt to prove that the defendant, acting by advice of counsel in procuring and filling out the check, did nothing but what he had the right to do, and that the graphite shipped to Newburgh was of the quality agreed on.

The jury, after an absence of about forty minutes, brought in a verdict of guilty.

W. B. Royce, associate counsel for Mr. Mershon, said, to-day, that they had secured a certificate of reasonable doubt, and the case would be appealed.

The case against W. J. Robinson, jointly indicted with Mershon, has been put over until the February term.

After conviction Mershon deposited a certified check for \$2,000 with the county treasurer as bail and was released. Robinson's bondsmen, L. V. Smaabang and John H. Burch, of this city, surrendered him after the verdict was announced and the sheriff took him in charge for the night. To-day the sheriff accompanied him to New York city where he will endeavor to secure bail.

The testimony in the case, including exhibits, covers about 2,000 pages and is the most voluminous of any criminal trial in Orange county in recent years.

## SCARED BY WHITE CAPS.

Why a Well Known Middletowner Nervously Departed for Chicago.

It is stated, to-day, by those in a position to know that a former short, stout, red-faced employe of saloons in this city, has left town. It is also said that he did not leave alone, and his companions are a married woman, whose husband was recently sent to Albany penitentiary, and her two sons.

It is also said that he showed a letter to friends which in a measure explains why he went. It was in substance as follows:

"If you do not desert your attentions to Mrs. — at once and leave town, you will be tarred and feathered to the Queen's taste. A committee has been appointed to do this and \$50 has been subscribed to do the work well."

Inasmuch as the party receiving the letter had no desire to lose any of his good left, the other night, for Chicago, it is said, and the others are said to have accompanied him.

"CHRISTIE" WAS ASLEEP.

They Thought He Was Left at Dunkirk, But He Was Not.

"Tommy" Tandy, a private of Company I, was given quite a reception at Dunkirk, on the way home, his parents and other relatives meeting the train there. When the train stopped, Christie Walters crossed the track to an eating place, and returned to the train unseen by the others. As the train pulled out of Dunkirk, Captain McIntyre exclaimed: "I believe Walters was left."

So a search of the train was made for Christie. He was not found and that he was left seemed certain.

When the train reached Fishkill, the first man Captain McIntyre saw on alighting was Christie. Inquiry developed the fact that he crawled into another fellow's berth, and had slept from Dunkirk to Fishkill.

## SOLDIERS' QUIET DAY.

Not Many on the Streets Thursday—Dr. Douglas's Thoughtfulness.

Thursday was a quiet day for most of the Co. I boys. A bad cough here or a weak leg there caused mother and wives to put their feet down freely on any proposed excursions out of warm homes. A few of the boys were about, however, and they were given a royal welcome, even if less noisy than that of the night before. Most of the out of town boys got home Thursday morning.

Dr. Douglas went around to see many of the boys, Thursday, whom he had treated professionally before, and gave them medicine and advice.

That the boys are glad to be home goes without saying.

Blated for Judge Arden's Place in the Court of Claims.

It is announced in New York that the vacancy in the Court of Claims, which will occur on January 1, 1900, when the term of George M. Bebe, of Brooklyn, expires, will be offered by Governor-elect Roosevelt to John Proctor Clarke, of New York city.

Dead Dog Buried in a Fish Casket.

Mrs. Collin, wife of Dr. Collin, is mourning the loss of her fox terrier, Tupp, which was killed by a trolley car on North street. The dog's remains were placed in a fish casket by Undertaker O. Torrance, and this was placed in a box and buried in the yard.

## CHIMES OF NORMANDY.

Fine Work by the Chorus—The Ladies and Gentlemen Who Take Part.

In the coming production of the Chimes of Normandy the chorus work will be of first class order. The ladies and gentlemen who make up the ensemble have practiced for weeks faithfully and conscientiously and have attained a high degree of perfection in music and action that is most considerable, and those who attend will get the benefit. The work of the chorus is far better than the average professional companies. Below we give the names of those taking part:

## LADIES.

Mrs. M. Merrill, Bradnack, McQueen, Harkey, Gillette, Miss Campbell, Harriet Case, Hattie Hulke, Grace Bradnack, Hattie Robinson, Ida Williamson, Maud Hendon, Fannie Hasket, Harriet Bryant, Minnie Weugenroth, Christine Isenman.

## GENTLEMEN.

Z. K. Greene, E. S. Merrill, T. K. DeWitt, Geo. R. Weugenroth, H. B. Keeler, Geo. VanKuren, H. B. Brill, Lindsey Bart, Frank Hutchinson, Harry Tanney, Mortimer Hulke, Lorenzo Eisenberger, William Gossling, Chris Klops, Robt. Mixer, Clarence Monson, Harry Daubman, Julius Korn, Fred Massey, Noble Wood, Geo. Ballman, Thos. Gillen, H. D. Witt, Harry Fisher, Ira Swalm, Geo. Bradnack.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions of Capt. Jackson Post W. M. C. on Mrs. Near's Death.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Capt. Jackson Post has adopted the following resolutions on the death of Mrs. Adelia Near:

Whereas, God is his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our beloved sister, Adelia Near, in view of our intimate relations with her during the lifetime of this corps the members of this corps think it fitting that we record our appreciation of her.

Resolved, Therefore, that the sudden loss of our sister, in which she has held an office a greater part of the time, leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply felt by all members of the corps, for her hand and heart have helped to guide us from its beginning, but her voice is now and forever silent, and her happy countenance and cheerful words we will enjoy no more. The loss of our dear sister will be felt by a member of the corps. With deep sympathy with the relatives and friends of the deceased we express our earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for the best.

Resolved, As a token of respect our charters be draped in mourning for thirty days and these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the corps.

Mrs. A. J. HORNBECK,  
Mrs. M. A. McQUOID,  
Mrs. R. O. LEWIS,  
Mrs. W. H. WOOD,  
Com.

## PRIVATE BEAKES DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Two Alarming Telegrams Received by His Father, Ex-Sheriff Beakes, Thursday.

Ex-Sheriff Beakes received two telegrams from San Francisco, Thursday, as follows:

Joseph dangerously ill. Just arrived from Honolulu. Typoid division, Hospital, San Francisco.  
Mrs. W. T. VERNON, Oakland.

Joseph had relapse. Has every attention. Asked me to telegraph.

C. W. GORDON.  
Mr. Gordon is a former Middletowner, who learned the printer's trade in the Press office, when John W. Hasbrouck owned it. He hunted up the 24th boys on their arrival, and gave them every attention.

## VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL FILLED.

Dr. F. M. Barnes Appointed Alderman for the Third Ward.

Mayor Mauch, Thursday appointed Dr. F. M. Barnes alderman for the Third Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Joshua Hirst.

The appointment was made in accordance with assurances given by Mayor Mauch before the election that he would fill the vacancy by the appointment of the person elected for the full term from March next.

## Bachelors' Christmas Hop.

The Bachelor's Christmas hop occurs, to-night, and the members are expecting a large attendance, a merry time and late hours. The Christmas hop is always one of the most popular of the year, many out of towners attending.

## Police Court.

A young man became drunk, Thursday. He fell asleep on the sidewalk and was picked up and taken to the lockup in the patrol wagon. This morning, he said it was his first offense and he was discharged.

## Christ Church's Christmas Services.

Christ Church will observe Christmas at all services next Sunday, including Christmas sermon and special music at morning service, and Christmas Sunday School concert in the evening.

## Dropsy and Heart Disease.

A great cure and a great testimony. "Twelve years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease. Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells, made my life a torment. I was confined to my bed. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Care for the Heart—One dose gave great relief, one bottle cured the Dropsy and my heart."—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N. Y.

Sold by J. R. Mills and McMonagle & Rogers.

## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Christmas at the Public Library—Christmas Decorations and Music at the Church—Voted to Appear—Personal and Local Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

The Goshen library will close at 5:30, Saturday afternoon, and open Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. George C. Miller and daughter have gone to New York for the winter.

Seats for "The Messiah" can be purchased at C. G. Millspaugh's.

Joseph Simpson, a student at the Pennsylvania University, is home for the holidays.

The village churches are being decorated for Christmas, and special music is being rehearsed.

The "When His Wife's Away" Company failed to get here Thursday night.

A rehearsal of the Vocal Society will be held to-night.

Tickets for "The Chimes of Normandy" find a ready sale in this village.

Christmas exercises were held in the public schools, to-day.

Many former residents are arriving in town for the holidays.

Catacombs will dance at Music Hall, Monday night.

## Carloads of Christmas Shoppers.

Many out of town shoppers are seen on the city's streets and in the city's stores. The cars on the Goshen line, late in the afternoon, go out packed with women and children, every one of whom is loaded with Christmas packages. The 4:30 car, yesterday afternoon, had its vestibules packed full of packages too big to be taken into the car.

## Recorder Barnes at Police Headquarters.

Recorder Barnes, who went Thursday, to his parents' home at Thompson Ridge, returned to this city, this morning, and paid a visit to police headquarters where he found his picture hanging on the wall and decorated with flags and greens.

## Soldiers' Names Omitted From the List.

In the list of names of those who returned from Honolulu, secured on the train, Wednesday night, the names of Privates Ballman, Blake, Leemon, Seaman and Sherer were omitted.

## Celebrating Her Birthday.

Miss Annie Bauer is celebrating her birthday at Phillipsburgh, to-day, and a number of friends in this city are enjoying it with her.

## Symmetrical Notes.

Cards were issued by Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Vail, Tuesday, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Cora Clue, to H. C. Kelsey Morford, of New York, at Christ Church, this village, at noon on Tuesday, January 10. A wedding breakfast will be held at the house on Grand street at 1 o'clock.—Warwick Dispatch.

## A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Goshen, N. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my silent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at J. J. Chambers' drug store, 57 North street, near post office.

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W. D. OLNEY, DRUGGIST.

4 E. MAIN ST.

W. M. VANSCHAICK, AUCTIONEER.

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To-night!

Our Auction sales are a great success, and we anticipate on to-night the biggest crowd yet. We are moving a big lot of goods. Everything sold to highest bidders. No goods recalled when once put up.

Let everyone come to-night and pick up the bar.

gains. Just the time to get your Christmas Presents, You Know.

But To-morrow, SATURDAY, Night,

being Christmas Eve, there will be no auction sale, as we shall not be able to give our attention to it and also wait upon the host of Christmas shoppers that we are sure to have.

Yet on Saturday Night you can buy your Christmas Presents from us at Auction Prices just the same.

And be sure and drop in at the Auction, To-night.

George W. Young.

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## MAKE YER GRUEL THINNER.

In these 'ere times it takes a lot to satisfy a fellow—  
Philosophy to harden him, some poetry to mellow.  
Without encouragement and sech he cannot be contented.  
Er living in his own good house or jest in one's that's rented.  
The blues will come as unbeknown as persons out a-bikin'.  
An' as ter ease and sociableness, they seem, well, gone a-strikin'.  
An' so it's well to call to mind what Franklin said at dinner.  
When pressed for higher board one day—  
"Just make yer gruel thinner!"

It show'd a streak that's well to have—the streak, determination.  
To bump along the best yer can, though facing starvation.  
Er honesty requires less grub, why, make the grub bill shorter.  
Er coarse clothes keep yer credit up, then wear 'em, as yer order.  
Fer higher folks than us have done some fine things in the same line.  
An' prove it did not keep them down who had a will fer risin'.  
So now an' then let's call to mind what Franklin said at dinner.  
In answer to his hostess' greed—"Just make yer gruel thinner!"  
—Will J. Hale, in Knoxville Sentinel.

## CAUGHT IN A STORM

"THERE are some advantages," said Ronald, meditatively, "in being a cousin, after all."  
He addressed Angelica, who sat opposite him. All about them was deep blue serenity—on one hand stretching away to meet in a line with a fainter azure, on the other merging distantly into long shining masses of greenish-brown rocks, with rugged cliffs towering above them. Angelica's hands were thrust into the pockets of a provoking reefer coat, her hat was tilted a little forward and the breeze darted in among her curls, tossing them merrily about her face. She was a diminutive person in all respects save two, which two were particularly large, brilliant, languishing, and in every way dangerous.

"But on the whole, Angelica," added Ronald, deliberately, "I regret that I am in any way related to or connected with you."

"Ronald!" she exclaimed, "I really cannot allow you to be so flatteringly."  
"A cousin is a nondescript, variable sort of being—at times an absolute stranger, at others a sort of second-hand brother—in that capacity extremely useful. Of course, that is something; but still—"

"I think it's a great deal; but I see you are the same as ever. You always were a greedy little boy," said Angelica.  
"Thanks. You, on the other hand, were rather nice as a little girl than you are now—in some ways—oh! you could still be nice if you tried."

"If I tried? How funny! I shouldn't know—you see most people think—she regarded her shoes inquiringly.  
"I dare say; but I am not 'most people.' I stand alone."  
"I thought you were sitting down," interrupted Angelica. (She certainly was provoking to-day.) "And I wasn't aware that you were alone. But perhaps I don't count."

"My dear, that's the worst of it. You do count, and there's no one else in the world who does. I just worship you. Nan! Have I started you?"  
"Not at all," she answered politely. "You see they all say that or something equivalent." She turned her head a little and dabbled in the water with her hand.

"Oh, yes, I know! Of course, I'm a presumptuous fool. All the same, I have thought lately"—he paused and then added: "Do you remember last week at Cowes?"

"Yes," said Angelica, radiantly. "On that afternoon—I don't mind telling you, Ronald—I very seriously considered falling in love with you. There is a yacht quite close to us," she added, hastily; "I considered, and after due deliberation decided—"

"Well, Nan?"

"Not to fall in love with anyone at all."

"You mean—"

"Ronald, if you don't row, how can I steer? We don't want to be swamped. Love is so inconvenient."

"You're pulling the wrong rope. I confess I don't quite see how—"

"Well, it doesn't always go with other things."

"But is it not worth more than—other things?"

"Ronald," replied Angelica, somewhat irreverently, "have you any idea of the price of a Paris hat?"

"The left rope again. Ah, now we're safe! A Paris hat, I—well, I have heard that they're something ridiculous."

"They are—absolutely ridiculous. That fact alone," said Angelica, solemnly, "is enough to make any thought of love impossible and wicked."

"Except for anyone with a heart, with a soul, composed in fact of anything but shallowness and vanity."

"My dear boy, if you go on," she said, encouragingly, "you will in time make the most accomplished flatterer of the age."

"Don't jest with me, Nan. It's nothing to you, perhaps, but to me it's everything. I love you. If you knew what the word meant," he burst out vehemently, "you could not sit there coolly breaking my heart in your hands."

"Hush! Not so loud. Yes, I know I'm wicked (penitently). I oughtn't to be here with you at all when I'm going to marry some one else."

"You're going to—Nan, is this true?"

"Mr. Rathbone," said Angelica, drooping.

"Are you engaged to him?"

"He will ask me to-night."

"How do you know that?"

"Oh, Ronald, don't be so absurd! How do I know?"

"That was convincing."

"Well, he's a consummate fool," said Ronald, savagely.

"Perhaps," she murmured.

## "And, moreover, he could not possibly love you—"

"Thanks—once more."

"Or anyone else, except himself. But, of course, I see that he has advantages. Oh, don't trouble to explain what they are! I see them. How pleased every one will be, especially mamma! It will all be quite delightful."

There was a silence. The sun had disappeared and the blue sky had turned to gray.

"It's not so pleasant as it was, is it?" inquired Angelica, presently.

"No," shortly.

"I felt a drop of rain. Are we far from home, Ronald?"

"Yes, about three miles."

"Oh, dear, are we? Why don't you turn quickly, then? Don't you see it's going to be wet?"

"I thought you were steering," rudely.

"You might help me," she said, plaintively, tugging at the rope.

He gave a swift stroke or two, and they swung round. There were angry masses of clouds drifting toward them over an uneasy, ruffled sea.

"Why don't you row faster? We shall never get home," she exclaimed, petulantly.

"The tide is strong and the wind is against us. I'm doing my best."

"Ronald, what was that? Oh, don't say it's lightning! I'm more afraid of it than anything in the world. Oh, listen!"

There was a subdued but silent roar in the distance, now dying away, now gathering force and crackling ominously.

"Ronald, was that thunder?" said Angelica, waveringly.

"There is generally thunder when it hightens," he answered, with bitter sarcasm.

"But we're out in an open boat, miles from home or shelter of any kind!"

"I am aware of that."

She gave a pathetic little gulp and pressed her hands together.

"Oh—! There's another flash. Ronald—I—I'm going to faint!"

"Faint? Nonsense!" he returned, roughly.

"Nonsense? What do you mean, Mr. Grant? How dare you? I suppose I have a right to faint if I choose? I—ah!"

Crash, rattle, rattle, bang. C-r-a-c-k!

"Put that over you," said Ronald, sternly, wrapping her in his mackintosh coat.

"But it doesn't rain, and that makes it much more dangerous, doesn't it, Ronald?"

"Much more," he answered, mercilessly.

"Oh! how can you be so heartless and cruel?" she moaned. "You don't care how much I suffer! Men are always like that—"

"And women never, of course," put in Ronald, with quiet irony.

"Oh, don't—don't be so hard! I know I'm a wicked girl, and this is to punish me!" A vivid gleam shot up to the heavens and something seemed to burst over their heads. "Oh, Ronald! (in a frenzy of terror) save me, save me! Oh, let us die together! I love you, oh, you know I do! Don't look at me so coldly; forgive me, oh, forgive me, Ronald!" Angelica hid her face in the cushions and sobbed.

"I can better afford to die with you, dear, than to live without you," said Ronald, tenderly. There was a suspicious twitching about his mouth, but he mastered himself heroically, and it did not become a smile.

A silence followed. The thunder rolled and tumbled away to the west, and presently there was a gleam more brilliant than any before.

"What's that awful light?" moaned Angelica.

"Look, dear. It's the sun."

"The sun!" She started up in consternation. "It can't be, Ronald (indignantly). Do you mean to tell me the storm is over?"

"I think it's passed by. You seem annoyed. Aren't you glad we're out of danger?"

"Yes—yes, of course. Only I thought—"

"Perhaps that trains will stop on signal for passengers."

"Nonsense! Trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only."

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